(b) what is the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) State Government of Tamil Nadu has requested for the following projects:

(i) New Line from Palani to Chamrajnagar *via* Dharapur, Tiruppur and Sathyamanglam (145 km.); and

(ii) New Line from Hogenekkal to Tiruvannamalai via Dharmapuri-Morappur, Harur and Theerthamalai (170 km.)

In addition, it was suggested that a Corporation, on the lines of Konkan Railway Corporation, be set up for construction of railway lines in Tamil Nadu.

(b) Due to acute constraint of resources it has not been found possible to take up the projects suggested at (i) and (ii) above.

Regarding the Corporation, this too could not be done owing to the directives of the Planning Commission and Ministry of Finance that no more Corporations be set up.

Granting of promotion to post of Clerk

2996. SHRI PASUMPON THAKIRUTTINAN:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleastd to state whether Government propose to promote the educationally qualified class IV staff of the Traffic Department belonging to the Medical Classification C.1. and C.2. such as Traffic Inspector Peons, Commercial Inspector Parcel Porters, Goods Shed Porters, Sealers etc. to the post of Office Clerk, in view of stagnation in their cadres?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): 33-1/3 per cent of the vacancies in certain Group 'C' posts including Office Clerks are earmarked for promotion, by selection, of Group 'D' staff for whom no regular avenue of promotion exists, promotion groups being identified by the Zonal Railways on the basis of broad affinity of work.

Recognition of Trade Unions

2997. SHRI K. K. VEERAPPAN:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state whether Government are considering a proposal to enact a law to grant recognition to Railway Trade Unions based on elections with a view to ensure recognition to the Trade Union which really represent the workers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): There is no proposal under consideration of the Ministry of Railways.

Granting promotion to the motor vehicle drivers etc. in the Railway

2998. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to designate as works Ministries and grant the scale Rs. 1400-2300 to the Motor Vehicle Drivers and Motor Trolly Fitters etc., in the various departments in the Railways as is being done in the case of other Artisans such as Carpenter, Brick Layer, Painter etc;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) No proposal to designate Motor Vehicle Drivers and Motor Trolly Fitters as 'Works Ministries' is under consideration